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SUBJECT: FRENCH STRATEGY FOR USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

1. SEILLIE'RE (GALLEY'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR) INVITED  
EMBOFF TO LUNCH OCTOBER 3 TO DISCUSS GALLEY VISIT TO  
US. SEPTELS COVER OTHER SUBJECTS. SEILLIE'RE VOLUN-  
TEERED THAT THE FRENCH HIGH COUNCIL OF NATIONAL  
DEFENSE (NEAREST FRENCH EQUIVALENT TO THE NSC, AND  
NORMALLY CHAIRED BY THE PRESIDENT) IS ADDRESSING THE QUESTION  
OF RANCE'S FUTURE DOCTRINE REGARDING TACTICAL  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. A DECISION SHOULD BE REACHED "IN  
SEVERAL WEEKS." ONCE FRANCE HAS ESTABLISHED ITS  
TACTICAL NUCLEAR POLICY, SEILLIE'RE THOUGHT THEY  
WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF  
DISCUSSING WITH THE US THE PROBLEMS OF COOPERATION  
POSED BY THESE WEAPONS.

2. COMMENT: SEILLIE'RE'S REPORT THAT GOF IS GIVING  
HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION TO THE MATTER OF TACTICAL  
NUCLEAR STRATEGY UNDERLINES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RE-  
FERENCES TO FLEXIBLE NUCLEAR) RESPONSE BY SCHRICKE  
(PARIS 25458) AND POMPIDOU (PARIS 25599, PARIS  
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